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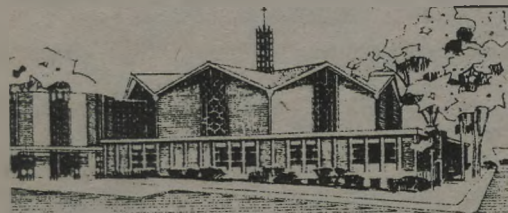
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### O.A.R.B.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCT 20, 21, 22



#### CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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David L. Moore/Pastor • Tim Cosby/Director of Youth and Music

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To the Pastors and Church Families of the O.A.R.B.C.

Dear Christian friends:

Our Cedar Hill church family extends to you the warmest of invitations to attend our 59th Annual State Fellowship Meeting, October 20-22. We are anticipating the privilege of hosting this year's conference. Every effort is being made to make these days a time to be spiritually encouraged and strengthened as God's people.

Our Council of Twelve has prayerfully planned a program around the theme, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY." This surely is our desire as a State Fellowship of churches and the Conference will afford hours of spiritual teaching from God's Word. The helpful workshops, God-honoring music and informal times of sharing together are ample reasons for every church in our State Fellowship to be represented.

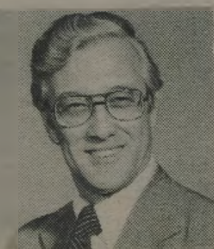
We are committed to making your visit to Cleveland Heights one to be remembered over the years. Please let me know what we can do to encourage your attendance. Let our desire be to "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name..." (Psalm 96:8).

With Christian love,

*David L. Moore*

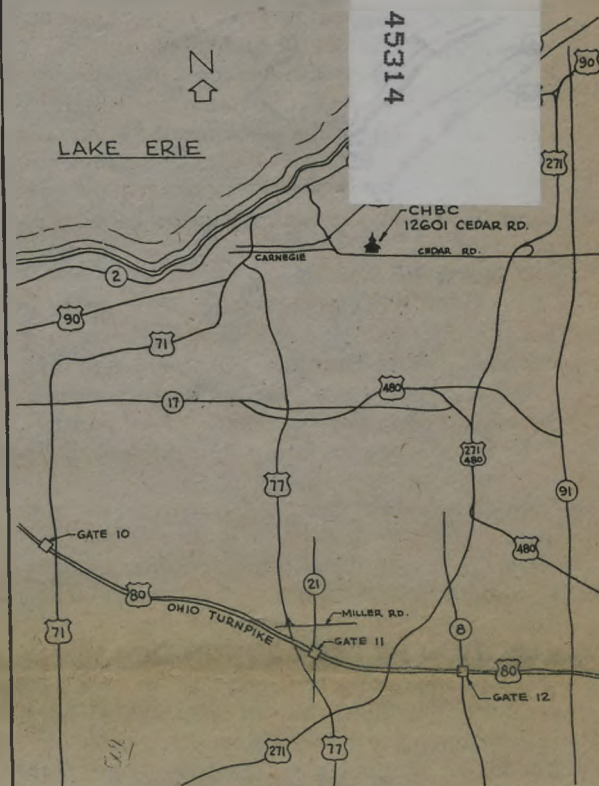
Pastor David L. Moore and the  
Cedar Hill Baptist Church Family

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Dr. David Moore  
Host Pastor

Motel  
Listing  
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### THE GLORY OF GOD - 59th ANNUAL CONFERENCE of The O.A.R.B.C.

Tuesday-October 21

Wednesday -October 22

"HE STAGGERED NOT AT THE PROMISE OF GOD THROUGH UNBELIEF; BUT WAS STRONG IN FAITH, GIVING GLORY TO GOD;" Romans 4:20

"TO THE ONLY WISE GOD OUR SAVIOUR BE GLORY AND MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER, BOTH NOW AND EVER. AMEN." Jude 25

"THOU ART WORTHY, O LORD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOUR AND POWER; FOR THOU HAST CREATED ALL THINGS, AND FOR THY PLEASURE THEY ARE AND WERE CREATED." Revelation 4:11

Monday-October 20

5:00P.M. NEWCOMERS BANQUET

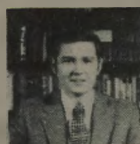
Hosted by Council of 12 and  
State Representative

Our welcome to new pastors, assistants,  
and wives to our churches this year

7:00 P.M. 59th ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE BEGINS

#### The Glory of God

THE PRELUDE IS FOR PREPARATION



Paul Jackson  
CONF. CHR.

ORGANIST:  
Merle Brock



Scott Renstrom  
SONG LEADER

Ministry of Music  
Cedar Hill  
Baptist Church

RECOGNITION OF NEW CHURCHES  
MESSAGE



Dr. Paul Dixon  
President  
Cedarville College

#### The Glory of God

THE PRELUDE BEGINS THE SERVICE

9:00 A.M. - Your time to sing!

9:10A.M. - MESSAGE

"THE GLORY of GOD  
AND CREATION"

J. Tony Beckett  
Faith, Streetsboro



9:45 A.M. - ASSOCIATION TIME  
Treasurer/State Representative Reports

CBF Radio Ministry - Kevin Gau

10:15 A.M. - Ministry of Music  
Mrs. Pauline Kettenring (EM)

10:25 A.M. - MESSAGE

"THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND HIS FINISHED WORK"



Stephen Best  
First, Blanchester

11:10 A.M. - ASSOCIATION TIME  
Youth Committee, Old Business  
Ministry of Music

Mrs. Deb Searles (Camden, Oberlin)

11:30A.M. - MESSAGE

"THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND THE CROSS"

Joseph Godwin  
First, Gallipolis



12:15-LET'S EAT!

The Afternoon

1:30 P.M.

ANNUAL LADIES MISSIONARY  
MEETING

(Church Auditorium)

1:45-3:45-MEN'S WORKSHOPS

THE MOTHER/DAUGHTER CHURCH EXPERIENCE

Pastor Larry Fetzer -  
Washington Heights, Dayton  
Pastor John Street -  
Clearcreek, Springboro

PASTORAL ETHICS

Dr. David Moore - Cedar Hill, Cleveland  
MEN FOR MISSIONS  
Rev. Joel Kettenring - Baptist Mid-Missions  
PASTOR AND ASSISTANT RELATIONSHIPS  
Pastor Tom Wright - Memorial, Columbus  
Pastor Dennis George - Memorial, Columbus

7:00 P.M. -Evening Service

SPEND TIME IN PRAYER AS PRELUDE BEGINS

Ministry of Music -

Cedar Hill Choir

Cedar Hill Brass Quartet

Mrs. Deb Searles (Camden, Oberlin)

INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL OF 12

MESSAGE

"THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND PRAYER"

William Brock  
State Representative



MAKE A GOOD BEGINNING DURING PRELUDE

9:00 A.M. - You Sing

9:10A.M. - MESSAGE

"THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND THE CHURCH"

David Smith  
Vice President B.M.N.A.



9:45 A.M. - ASSOCIATION TIME  
New Business

Ministry of Music - Rev. John Thomas  
(Bethesda, Columbus)

10:30A.M. - MESSAGE

"THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND DAILY LIVING"

Murray Ingerham  
Grace, Westerville



11:15A.M. - MESSAGE

"THE GLORY of GOD  
AND HEAVEN"

Richard Pettitt  
First, Findlay



59th Annual Conferences Closes

THE LORD ALLOWING

60th Annual Conference  
1987 - October 19, 20, 21  
Grace Baptist Church  
Cedarville, Ohio

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"Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all people."  
"For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised:..."  
"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:..." Psalm 96:3,4,8  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
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## The Representative's Spot ●



### PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE O.A.R.B.C.

THE PROGRAM ON THE FRONT PAGE GIVES THOSE WHO WILL BE SPEAKING. PRAY FOR THEM BY NAME AND FOR THEIR PREPARATION. THE CONFERENCE COULD BE THE KEY TO OUR CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND ASSOCIATION. THE ONLY WAY THIS WILL BECOME A REALITY IS IF WE ALL UNITE IN PRAYER FOR THESE SPECIAL DAYS.

#### IT'S REMINDER TIME AGAIN

It seems that my writing in the September issue is always on the same subject. It is difficult when you are trying to say the same thing.

The September issue of the O.I.B. highlights and emphasizes the coming Annual Conference. The first page pretty well details what is planned. I may be partial, but I believe our Annual Conference will compete with any Bible Conference. And primarily the O.A.R.B.C. Conference is a Bible Conference.

Conference time brings some needed information and help from our Association churches. Let me, again, as I have for a number of years, remind you of your areas of cooperation. (I guess one of my great irritations with our O.A.R.B.C. churches is the slowness in which they act upon things. I don't know if this is a pastor problem or a people problem.)

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

Each O.A.R.B.C. church has received from the secretary of the Council, Pastor Bill Davis, the form to send in your annual report. Each year about 129 of our 200 plus churches do this. The others are never heard from.

What is the purpose of the report? Just to gather statistics of members, attendance, and giving. It is never published but the total statistics are given at the Annual Meeting.

This report also gives information on staff, addresses, etc. - and vital information for the church directory.

Some pastors and churches feel statistics are unnecessary. But they do present a total picture of our Association.

Remember - this report is to be returned to Pastor Bill Davis, Bible Baptist Church, Bedford, Ohio, NOT to the O.A.R.B.C. office. (And we will still find some being mailed to us.)

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF 12

Many (a great many) of our churches never participate in this opportunity. Some even say it is a "popularity contest." That is pretty hard to figure out.

Each church has the privilege to elect 4 from any of our Association churches to the Council of 12. Four are elected each year. Some churches at least send in their pastor's name.

Remember, serving on the Council is not just a "name" job. They have a good deal of work to do. It does take time and interest and effort.

The secretary of the Council has sent this ballot for elections to each church.

Here, also, participation and cooperation is the key to the Association. This election ballot is also to be returned to the secretary of the Council and not to the O.A.R.B.C. office.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

As Portsmouth last year was a good distance for those in the north, so Cleveland is a good distance for those in the south. But Cleveland is easy to get to from any part of the state.

All of our Association churches should desire to have pastor and wife attend the Annual Conference. That should be the minimum for each church.

**Encourage, urge, force** your pastor to attend from Monday evening until Wednesday noon. Give him some extra money.

We have many churches in the northern part of the state. This will allow many of you to attend at least the two evening sessions. I challenge the Hebron Association to "pack the place out." And you churches in the northeast also have easy access.

We have pretty well filled the place of the Annual Conference these past few years. It will take something extra to do that at Cedar Hill.

#### NEWCOMERS BANQUET

Each year the Council of 12 and the State Representative host a banquet for new pastors, assistants, and their wives on Monday evening. This is by personal invitation.

Occasionally we miss someone who is new in our Association during the past year. Our only hope is that you will check with us or let us know.

This is a good opportunity for those new to the Association or have changed churches within the Association to become acquainted and to become an active part of the O.A.R.B.C.

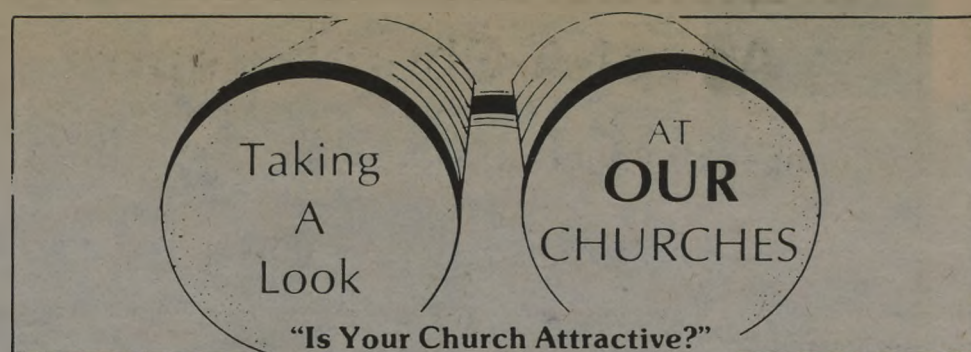
#### MONEY

The giving to the Association has increased a bit this past year. This is a note of praise and thanks.

But conference adds some additional expense. Last year very few churches gave special conference offering. Could we change this for this coming Annual Conference? How about a special gift for Conference?

### Attention-Pastors-Attention

The current issue of the "Encourager" carried a health survey - very few have completed and mailed this. **This is important** - even if you are not interested personally - **Please Do This For Us.**



"Are the Regular Baptists going soft?"

This was the opening question of Dr. Paul Tassell's annual report at the G.A.R.B.C. Annual Conference in Grand Rapids.

We do not have this message from the tape, but will endeavor to give the highlights of his report. (Really he called it The Answer and Exhortation.)

Dr. Tassell began by asking "What is meant when the comment is made that the G.A.R.B.C. is going soft?" He followed with "Does this mean: the Home Office, Dr. Hull, editor of Baptist Bulletin, the office Staff? Well, if the answer is 'No' concerning all these, they must mean the National Representative and the answer to that is 'absolutely not!'"

"Well, maybe they mean the approved agencies. But the approved agencies are solidly in agreement with the doctrinal position of the G.A.R.B.C."

"Maybe they mean the Council of 18. But the Council of 18 is nominated and elected by the churches and the messengers of the churches."

"The only other area remaining is our churches. But the G.A.R.B.C. was founded to oppose doctrinal deviation. We are a fellowship, not a convention."

So his conclusion was, "We are not going soft, we have not changed our position as a fellowship."

Dr. Tassell continued by asking the question, "What is happening?"

Space does not allow all his comments but he did state that we as churches, pastors are "growing in grace." We are learning to speak the truth in love. We are learning to accept differences. (Examples: the plurality of elders, degrees of Calvinism, subject of Bible versions, and where we should minister.) We are more aware of separation as a means to the end of evangelizing and not as an end in itself. We more clearly see our responsibility to contend for the faith and not "sniping" at our brothers. God does use others besides the G.A.R.B.C. He reminds us that our enemies are Hinduism, Catholicism, Liberalism, Buddhism, and Mariolators.

There is fallout of the loose talk about the G.A.R.B.C. "going soft." This is that the layman is beginning to ask questions about this rumor.

Having given his answer, he proceeded to the exhortation, simply stating that it is time to "close ranks and refrain from petty bickering."

With this, Dr. Tassell announced the goal of 3,200 churches in the G.A.R.B.C. by the year 2000. That means doubling the number from the present 1600. A committee, consisting of Don Tyler, John White, Larry Fetzer, and Norm Nicklas has been appointed as a team to aid in church planting. Dr. Tassell, himself, will be revising his schedule so that he can plan and write material and provide conferences on the "How To Of Church Beginning and Planting."

This will give you the "flavor" of his report. At the close, those at the Conference gave a standing ovation.

As my brother Representative from the state up North writes, "He not only hit the nail on the head, he hit a grand slam home run, or I don't know a mixed metaphor when I see one."

We talk and look for new churches. But talk is cheap. What will be do about it?

Let's take a look at our Ohio churches. Better yet, for this time, our Ohio Association.

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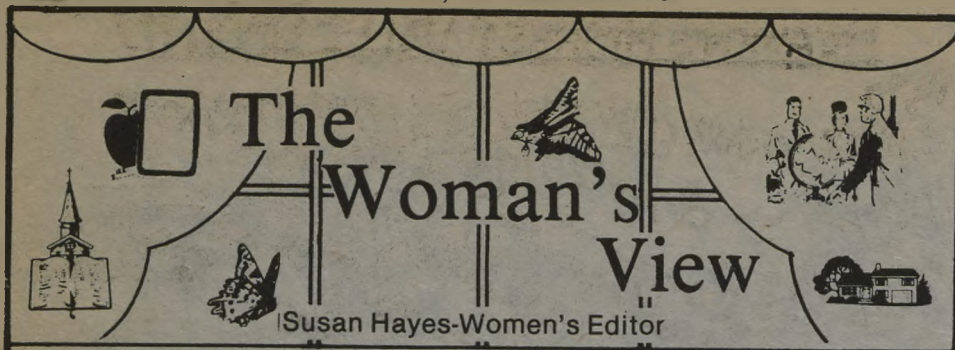
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## Faith Is Just Believing



I was recently asked the question, "How does one get to become Women's Editor?" That's a good question... one I really cannot answer except that one is asked. When I was asked, my first response was, "Why me?" I hardly felt qualified to fill such a position and I am trusting the Lord to help me.

It has been requested that I do a mini-autobiography of myself. I am an Ohioan by birth and I love our state and the OARBC fellowship. My husband, Jim (Pastor of Millersburg Baptist Church), and I have been married for 17 years. We have two teenagers: Lisa, 15; and Chris, 13. I thank the Lord for the family He has given me. Like most ladies, I have a lot of things I could share about myself, husband, and kids, and perhaps I will in other articles. I trusted Christ to be my personal Saviour in May of 1976 and was baptized along with my husband on July 4, 1976. What a precious memory I have of that day.

Each of our lives is full of memories that will forever remain in our minds. As summer ends, perhaps God has given you some precious memories. Some of mine are: attending the GARBC National Conference, serving as Registrar at Skyview Ranch, a special dinner given by our church family for our family, family camp at Patmos, and others. While at family camp, the speaker had a message from Joshua, chapter four. The Israelites were commanded two different times to set a memorial of twelve stones. God commanded the stones to be a memorial, "that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that ye might fear (honor) the Lord your God forever" (vs. 24). One aspect of the message was that when something happens in our lives, instead of questioning God as to "why," we should allow the situation to help us grow and to establish our faith and trust in Christ.

I experienced one such situation this summer. Our daughter was involved in an accident in which she was pinned beneath a farm tractor. As I was on my way to the scene, not knowing her condition, the Lord ministered to my mind by reminding me of three things: (1) that He was in full control of the situation and there was nothing I could do to change it at that point; (2) that our child really belonged to Him; and (3) it was now my turn to put into practice all the things I had learned about trust and faith in God. In the midst of my fear of the unknown, God gave me the verse, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Lisa was not seriously hurt for which we are thankful, but even more, this has become a "memorial" in my life. God miraculously spared her life and proved that what He says in His Word, He will do. He gave me a peace that passed all understanding and faith that He wouldn't leave me nor forsake me.

We taught a short song to our children in Bible School this summer. The first part is "Faith is just believing what God says. He will do; He will never fail us. His promises are true." A simple song for children, yet a powerful message for each of us.

As your Women's Editor, I would like to feature some articles by various women in our state. Your suggestions would be welcomed for what you would like to have on the Women's page. Pictures along with articles are still needed. Please continue to use this page to reach out to the women in our state. I want to extend my appreciation to Marcia Elmore for the dedication she has given to writing and gathering information for our benefit. I look forward to her leadership as State Women's Missionary President. I also am looking forward to serving the Lord and you, the ladies of Ohio. I trust that you will pray for me, and that we can "magnify the Lord and exalt His name together." (Psalm 34:3)

### Ladies Retreats

**Skyview - September 18-20**

**Theme:** "A Precious Fellowship"

**Speaker:** Mrs. Debbie Searles

**Cost:** \$28.00

(+5 Reg. fee due by Sept. 12)

**Registrar:** Teresa Boggs

P.O. Box 111

Medway, OH 45341

**Salt Fork: November 6, 7**

**Theme:** "The Rainbow of God's Promises"

**Speaker:** Mrs. Delores McQuade

## Fall Ladies Missionary Meeting

**Tuesday - October 21 - 1:30-3:00 P.M.**

**Cedar Hill Baptist Church**

**Purpose:** Ready To Do His Will - Ephesians 6:6

**Privileges:** A special opportunity to fellowship  
Walk thru their missionary cupboard  
See project ideas

**Personnel:** Mrs. Kathy Webber



Born to Christian farm parents in central Michigan, Kathy Webber became a believer in her teen years. After attending Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, she married Jerry Webber. God's direction lead them to a new church work in Minnesota, then to pastorates in Indiana and Michigan. During a missionary conference in 1978, God changed their "path of life" to focus on a missionary effort in the lovely country of New Zealand. Baptist Mid Missions invited Rev. Webber to become the field administrator for Asia and the Pacific in 1985. The Webbers have two sons: David, who is stationed in Arizona in the U.S. Army and Mike, who is 16. Kathy misses the involvement of the foreign mission field, but does find challenge in the speaking opportunities God provides in ministering to ladies.

**Project:** Bible Institute - MALI - Skyview Ranch  
Pray For The Day - Plan To Attend

### Area Meetings

**West Moriah - Sept. 23**

The West Moriah Fall Rally will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The theme for the day will be James 4:2 "Ye have not, because ye ask not." Guest speakers for the morning session will be Larry and Sallie Fogle, veteran missionaries home on furlough from the Central African Republic. They will be presenting their work and speaking on praying for our missionaries.

Guest speaker for the afternoon will be Dr. Lehman Strauss, Bible teacher, author, radio and conference speaker. He is engaged in a full-time Bible conference ministry, traveling widely throughout the United States. He has written "Sense and Nonsense about Prayer." A table with his books will be provided.

This day will be a special blessing to each lady that attends. Ladies are reminded to bring their favorite covered dish or dessert. A beverage table service will be provided. A nursery for children up to five years old will be provided. (Please bring a sack lunch for children in the nursery.) Remember the date: September 23, 1986 at Immanuel Baptist Church.

**North Bethel - Oct. 2**

The fall meeting of the North Bethel Fellowship will be held on October 2nd at Oak Knoll Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio. Speaker for the rally will be Miss Mary Baker, 35-year veteran missionary to Republic of Chad, Africa. Mary is presently working in North America.

A book store will be provided by Cedarville College Book Store.

**Canton - Oct. 28**

The Canton Area Women's Fellowship will be meeting October 28, at Lakeview

Baptist Church, Dundee. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Cyndi Millard. Cyndi, along with Vic, her husband, have served one term in Haiti. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. A salad luncheon will be provided as well as a nursery for children.

### 1986-87 WOMEN'S STATE PROJECT

LIBRARY & STUDY BOOKS

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST MISSIONS

BIBLE INSTITUTE MALI, AFRICA

SKYVIEW BAPTIST RANCH  
2 HOT WATER HEATERS

TOTAL GOAL - \$5,000.00

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## Baptists For Life Newest G.A.R.B.C. Approved Agency

Baptists for Life became the newest approved agency of the G.A.R.B.C. at the annual conference held in Grand Rapids. Baptists for Life was organized in Grand Rapids on January 10, 1984 and is under the direction of Rev. Mark Blocher. The organization exists to equip fundamental Baptist believers for biblical, caring ministries to women with unplanned pregnancies. This is accomplished primarily through "crisis pregnancy centers" or walk-in "clinics" located near abortion clinics, hospitals, family planning clinics, schools, etc. These centers, staffed by trained Christian volunteers, offer free pregnancy testing, practical assistance and encouragement, maternity and baby clothing, information about pregnancy and prenatal development as well as accurate information about abortion. Referrals are made for medical care, housing, education and adoption. No referrals are made for abortion or contraception. One of the primary goals of the CPC is to introduce the young women to the Lord Jesus Christ and see her begin to grow spiritually. Already, many young women who were considering an abortion have surrendered their lives to the Lord and carried their pregnancies to term.

Baptists for Life provides training for those working in crisis pregnancy counseling as well as training in extended family living, i.e. families who open their home to a young woman during the pregnancy. In addition to these programs, Baptist for Life also provides educational materials and speakers on a variety of topics related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. Baptists for Life goals are to establish 100 crisis pregnancy centers throughout the U.S. in the next three years and enlist 50,000 fundamental Baptist believers in addressing life issues at the local, state and national level.

Baptists for Life is a membership organization seeking to enlist fundamental Baptist believers in the pro-life movement. Member dues are \$12.00 per year (\$1.00 per month) and, like all gifts to BFL, are tax-deductible. LIFELINES, the official organ of Baptists for Life, is published bi-monthly and is available free upon request. For more information, write or call:

Baptists for Life  
920 Cherry S.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
(616) 459-9809

## Pastor Returns to Ohio



William C. Baker

The new pastor at Emmanuel Baptist, Paulding, is William C. Baker. Pastor Baker has been on the field since the first of July.

From 1975 to 1978 Brother Baker was pastor of Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton. He resigned Bluffton to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Newfield, New Jersey. In 1985 he went on to Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary to complete his graduate course work in Religious Education. Previous to entering the pastorate, Brother Baker taught at Emmanuel Christian School in Toledo.

Pastor and Mrs. Baker have two children. The installation service for the Bakers was held on August 19th.

The recent ADOPT-A-CHURCH program has allowed Pastor Baker to begin on a good note at Emmanuel. His letter regarding this closes with the following: "May the Lord richly bless the faithfulness of each church that has become involved in this way."

## BCH-Ohio Appoints Field Representative

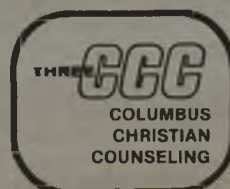


Rev. & Mrs. G. Phipps

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Gerald Phipps to our staff as Field Representative. Gerry and his wife, Rosemary are parents of two sons, Jim and Terry, both serving the Lord as Cedarville College professors. The Phipps enjoy the blessings of five grandchildren.

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womb... and  
in thy book..."*



*all my  
members  
were written...when as  
yet there was none of them." Psa.139:13-16.*

## First, Findlay Hosts 7th Annual S.S. Conference



Dr. Charles Wagner

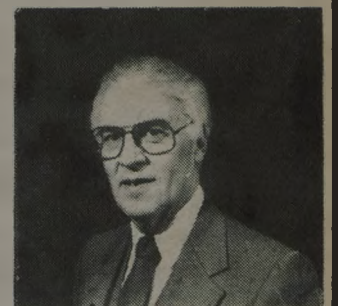
Saturday, October 11 is the date of the Annual Sunday School Conference at First Baptist, Findlay. The conference begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 4:00 P.M. Dr. Charles Wagner, President of Grand Rapids Baptist College; Rev. Earl Shaffer with BMNA; Mr. Jerry Littlejohn, Emmanuel Baptist of Toledo; Miss Jean Fisher of Cedarville College and Mrs. Faye Stevens with CEF in Lima, Ohio, will be the workshop leaders. Some of the topics available include: Sunday School Visitation Program, Time Management in the Ministry, Spiritual Gifts and the Balanced Church, Creative Bible Teaching, Bible Verses More Than Memorizing, and several other church growth workshops. A bookstore will be provided during the conference by Heritage Christian Books of Mansfield.

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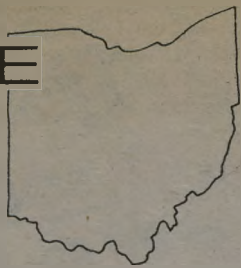


# A CROSS THE STATE

## Happenings

### HIGHLIGHTS

FROM YOUR BULLETINS  
AND CALENDARS RECEIVED  
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



#### AKRON

##### Brown Street

**Robert Kuhns, pastor**

- Aug. - Rev. Dean Henry
- Rev. William Moser
- Teens Canoe Trip
- Sept. - "Fill the Missionary Cupboard"/covered dish dinner
- Evangelistic meetings with Rev. Norm Sharbaugh

##### First

**Ernest Bloom, pastor**

- July - Opal Stansberry, missionary
- Sunday School picnic
- Aug. - Ladies to Sugar Creek
- Corn Roast

##### Highview

**Joseph Chapman, pastor**

- July - Mrs. Opal Stansberry, missionary to Bolivia
- Special AWANA Rally with puppet show/pizza party
- Aug. - Church picnic

#### AMHERST

##### Faith

**Robert Barrett, pastor**

- Aug. - Young people's Beach Party
- Sunday School picnic

#### ASHLAND

##### Calvary

- July - Rev. Joel Kettenring, BMM
- David Dolin, BMM appt. to Australia
- Aug. - Rev. Stephen Worth
- Sunday School picnic
- Rev. Marlin Rayburn
- VBS - "Sonlight Mountain"

#### BEDFORD

##### Bible

- July - Tony Coleman
- College/Career picnic
- Aug. - The Marquardt's

#### BELLEFONTAINE

##### Calvary

- July - Tom Wedge, "Christian Families and the Drug Culture"
- Family Kings Island Day
- Baby Dedication
- Aug. - Andy and Ruth Bishop, missionary appt. to Italy
- Annual Summer Bible Conference with David Warren

#### BEREA

##### Berea

- July - Women's Missionary Fellowship picnic
- Forerunner Quartet from G.R.B.C. & S.
- VBS with Steve and Rowena Barnes, EBM missionaries to France
- Aug. - Rev. Evan Gough, BMM
- Fair Ministry

#### BERLIN HEIGHTS

##### Berlin Heights

- July - Sunday School picnic
- Teens to Cedar Point
- Sept. - Special Meetings with Mike Coyle

#### BLANCHESTER

##### First

- July - Teens on Baptist Teen Expedition
- Rev. Al Tedder and family
- Master's Puppets, Cedarville College
- Tony Campolo film series
- Aug. - Youth to Kings Island

#### BROOK PARK

##### Mid-Brook

- July - Robert and Marcia Greene, missionaries to Venezuela
- Jeff and Ruth Hill, missionaries to Navajos
- Sept. - Family Corn Roast

#### CALDWELL

##### New Harmony

- July - VBS with Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Sullivan, BMM appts. to Haiti
- Aug. - Dr. Sullivan
- Young people canoeing

#### CAMBRIDGE

##### Grace

- July - Day Camp
- Aug. - Dr. Eldon Stevens in special meetings

#### CANTON

##### Grace

- July - Mr. Floyd Elmore
- Steve Haasch, missionary with B.M.N.A.
- Rev. Walter Lucas
- Aug. - VBS
- Annual Sunday School picnic

##### Whipple

**John Moosey, pastor**

- July - Film: "Red Runs the River"
- VBS
- Aug. - Ladies' Salad Picnic/Julene Moosey shared missionary/work trip to Dominican Republic
- Pastor Albert Johnson
- Steve & Ginny Haasch, BMNA missionaries in Florida

#### CLEVELAND

##### Cedar Hill

**David Moore, pastor**

- July - Day of Prayer
- Forerunner Quartet, GRBC
- Rev. Paul Jackson
- Dr. Richard Stewart as guest organist
- Aug. - Annual Sunday School picnic

##### Madison Avenue

**James Hunt, pastor**

- Aug. - Commissioning Service for Pastor Fred and Mildred Hussey, short-term missionaries to Scotland
- Sept. - Mike Coyle concert
- Sunday School Conference
- Bus Workers picnic

#### COLUMBUS

##### Clintonville

**George Hattenfield, pastor**

- Aug. - Bill and Debbie Tobias, missionaries to Papua, New Guinea

##### Immanuel

**William Abernathy, pastor**

- Aug. - Larry & Marea Smith, BMM missionaries to Jamaica
- Sunday School picnic
- "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" film series
- Keen-agers boat trip to Marietta

##### Maranatha

**Bruce Snyder, pastor**

- July - L.A.F.F. Progressive Dinner
- Church picnic
- BMM candidates
- Aug. - John Thomas
- Dr. William Brock, State Representative

##### Memorial

**Thomas Wright, pastor**

- July - Concert by Dye family
- Annual Sunday School picnic
- BMM missionary candidates
- Bill & Debbie Tobias, missionaries to Papua, New Guinea
- Aug. - Tom Burbridge
- Bill James, missionary to Japan
- Sept. - Care-Block Friendship Banquet/Film: "Twice Given"
- Mini-concert by McCallister Family

#### COMMERCIAL POINT

##### Welch Road

**Randall Nelson, pastor**

- July - Pastor Randall Nelson began ministry
- Baptist Mid-Missions candidate team/covered dish lunch

#### COSHOCTON

##### Calvary

**Milton Barkley, pastor**

- July - Gordon Johnston, BMM missionary to Brazil
- Aug. - Sunday School picnic
- George Myers, BMNA missionary
- Sept. - Harvest Sunday/Carry-in dinner

#### CUYAHOGA FALLS

##### Graham Road

**Larry Engle, pastor**

- Aug. - Leeland Crotts, missionary to Israel
- Sept. - Sunday School picnic

#### DAYTON

##### Washington Heights

**Larry Fetzer, pastor**

- July - Pantry shower for the Smiths, missionaries
- Aug. - Friendship Potluck in various homes

#### DEFIANCE

##### Faith

**Warren Lewis, pastor**

- July - Adult Canoe Trip
- Fellowship picnic
- Aug. - Back Yard Bible Club Round-up with Rich Moon
- Family Day & Recreation

#### DUNDEE

##### Lakeview

**Robert Veenhuis, pastor**

- July - Forerunner Quartet, GRBC
- John & Marilyn Vanden Akker, missionaries to Liberia
- Aug. - "Pedal to Pennsylvania" Bike Hike
- Sunday School picnic

#### EAST LIVERPOOL

##### Pleasant Heights

**J. Edgar Beckley, pastor**

- Aug. - Homecoming & Family Sunday with Dr. Philip Beckley, Rev. Edgar Beckley III, & Mrs. Andrea Houck
- Sept. - Sunday School picnic

#### ELIDA

##### Faith

**Ron Urban, pastor**

- Aug. - Work/Paint Day/Breakfast
- Baby Dedication
- Sept. - Sunday School picnic

#### ELYRIA

##### Abbe Road

**James Turner, pastor**

- July - Choir Dinner
- Robert & Lynda Curtis, missionaries to Japan
- All-church fellowship
- Pastor Todd Townsend
- Sept. - Hosting BMNA Candidate School

##### Beth-El

**Walter Spieth, pastor**

- Aug. - Eric Elmer family, BMM missionaries to Africa
- Sept. - Anniversary week-end/musical concert by Mike Coyle/Church picnic

##### First

**Bradley Quick, pastor**

- Aug. - Terry Cravens, missionary to Brazil
- Youth Canoe Trip
- Sept. - James Grier

#### FAIRBORN

##### Grand Avenue

**Randall Tate, pastor**

- July - Outreach Fellowship/Bowling & Pizza Party
- Picnic & Swimming
- BMM candidates
- Aug. - Reds Game outing

#### FINDLAY

##### First

**Richard Pettitt, pastor**

- Aug. - Dr. Phil McDonald, ABWE missionary to Bangladesh
- Sunday School picnic
- Sept. - Jack Wyrzten
- Father/Son Fishing & Camping Trip
- Earl Shaffer, BMNA missionary

#### FOSTORIA

##### Fostoria

**David Chapman, pastor**

- July - Rev. & Mrs. Albert Ostrander, missionaries in Missouri
- Aug. - Rev. Earl Shaffer, BMNA missionary
- VBS

#### GALION

##### First

**John Dantuma, pastor**

- July - Dr. Jack Riggs
- Evening Family Bible School
- Aug. - Special meetings with Rev. Bob Wamsley
- Art & Irene Somerville, missionaries to France
- Sept. - Special meetings on the family with Bob Stone

#### GALLIPOLIS

##### Faith

**James Lusher, pastor**

- Aug. - Teens to Kings Island
- Sunday School/Church picnic
- Sept. - Evangelist Glen Matthews

##### First

**Joseph Godwin, pastor**

- July - Films: "Toby's Treehouse"/"Hidden Island"
- Pastor Joseph Godwin Jr.
- Aug. - Pro-Teen Canoe Trip/Bike Hike
- Sept. - Annual Homecoming Sunday

#### GALLOWAY

##### Alton Road

**Thomas Waldo, pastor**

- July - Family picnic
- Family Night/Columbus Clippers game
- Aug. - Sunday School Open House

#### GRAFTON

##### Midview

**Larry Green, pastor**

- July - Larry Starett
- Rev. Larry Green
- Aug. - Larry Green began as pastor
- Rev. Albert Spieth, BMM missionaries to Brazil
- Dave & Tim Mayo
- Sept. - Hosted BMNA candidate dinner
- Missionary Conference

#### HOMEWORTH

##### Mount Pleasant

**R. Lee Grosh, pastor**

- Aug. - Surprise reception for Pastor & Mrs. Grosh in recognition of 10 years of service at Mt. Pleasant
- Rev. Robert Greene, missionary to Venezuela
- Sept. - Missionary Conference

#### JAMESTOWN

##### Shawnee Hills

**Dennis Henderson, pastor**

- Aug. - Rev. Norm Bosworth
- Dr. Jack Riggs
- Dr. William Brock, State Representative
- Old Fashioned Sunday/Ice Cream Social

#### KENTON

##### Faith

**Pastor Burns**

- July - Pastor Burns
- Sunday School for the Burns
- Aug. - Rev. Roy Fisher
- VBS

#### LAGRANGE

##### First

**Teen Night**

**Combined Sur**

#### LAKEVIEW

##### Faith

**Film: "The Wishes"**

#### LANCASTER

##### Calvary

**Old Fashion**

**Gary Brewer**

**Kent Craig**

#### LONDON

##### Grace

**Rev. Robert**

**Sunday School**

**Steve Melvin**

#### LORAIN

##### Fellowship

**Pastor Ans**

**Sunday School**

**Family picnic**

**Bob Jones**

**Teen Canoe**

**Hal Mason**

#### LOUISVILLE

##### First

**Dr. Paul Tass**

**Film: "Heaven"**

**Mr. John Gell**

#### MARION

##### Oak Knoll

**Special meet**

#### MASSILLON

##### Calvary

**Rev. Gordon**

**Mospens/W**

**Dr. Austin P**

**Commission**

**missionary**

#### MEDINA

##### First

**A Night with**

**Open House**

**Cole, assista**

**Special meet**

**President of**

#### MINFORD

##### Grace

**Tim Bosworth**

#### MOGADORE

##### Mogadore

**Forerunner**

**Father/Son**

**John Mitchell**

**Teens to Wal**

#### MOUNT VERNON

##### Faith

**Sr. Hi Youth**

**service/shar**

**Singspiration**

**Earl Shaffer**

#### NEW MATAMORAS

##### Harmony Hill

**Rev. Paul Joh**

**Pastor Joseph**

**Sunday Scho**

#### NEW MILFORD

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**VBS**

**Randy Ketter**

#### NEWARK

##### Bible

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**Ken Dady**

#### NILES

##### First

**Teens to DO**

**Patsy King**



# NORTH ROYALTON

**North Royalton** **Mark Cowell, pastor**  
 July - Film: "The Calling"  
 - Young People Canoe Trip  
 - Bob & Marcia Greene, missionaries to Venezuela  
 Aug. - Church picnic, "Hawaiian Happenings"

# NORTHFIELD

**Northfield** **Lynn Rogers, pastor**  
 Aug. - "Old Fashioned Church Picnic"  
 - Singles Canoe Trip

# NORWOOD

**Norwood** **Lee Fullmer, pastor**  
 Aug. - VBS, "Climbing God's Way"  
 - Steve Watson  
 Sept. - Stewardship month  
 - ABWE Will Clinic with Donald Davis

# ORANGE VILLAGE

**Bethlehem** **John Fleck, pastor**  
 July - Teens Picnic  
 Aug. - Church Campout/Family Church picnic  
 - Teens Canoe Trip  
 - Family Corn Roast/Scavenger Hunt

# PORT CLINTON

**Grace** **Howard Reed, pastor**  
 Aug. - Groundbreaking Ceremony

# PORTSMOUTH

**Temple** **John Gowdy, pastor**  
 Aug. - Master's Men's Volunteer Choir  
 - Softball Team picnic  
 - Covered dish dinner with Scioto Hills Staff as guests

# REYNOLDSBURG

**Eastbrook**  
 July - Pastor Belt's Farewell Sunday/Dedication of Children/Musical: "Love and Kindness"  
 - Dr. Cleveland McDonald began as interim  
 Aug. - All-church picnic  
 - VBS  
 - Philip & Becky McDonald, missionaries to Bangladesh

# SANDUSKY

**Calvary** **Thomas Townsend, pastor**  
 July - Musical concert by Rev. Dick Lamborn  
 - Christ-Like Singers, LBC  
 Aug. - Summer Fair Ministry  
 - Lou Nicholes, WOL missionary  
 - Pastor Peter Dodd  
 - Annual Sunday School picnic

# SPRINGFIELD

**Southgate** **John Greening, pastor**  
 July - Film: "Sand Castles"/Ice Cream Social  
 - BMM candidates  
 Aug. - Reception for Jensens, missionaries returning to Brazil  
 - Sip-n-Sandwich  
 - Church picnic

# STREETSBORO

**Faith** **James Beckett, pastor**  
 Aug. - Dr. Hugh Hall, Cedarville College  
 - Pastor William Moser/Dinner on the grounds  
 Sept. - Grandparents Day  
 - Dobson film series: "Turn Your Heart Toward Home"

# STRONGSVILLE

**First** **Wilbur Parrish, pastor**  
 July - Dennis Rost  
 - Leeland Crotts  
 - Mike Farrell, missionary to France  
 Aug. - VBS with Hal Mason

# STRUTHERS

**Tabernacle** **Jerry Bell, pastor**  
 Aug. - Dr. Jack Riggs, Cedarville College  
 - Farewell for Mae Allen, missionary

# STRYKER

**First** **Daniel Douglass, pastor**  
 July - Leon & Marilyn Williams, BMM missionaries  
 Aug. - Annual Church picnic

# SUNBURY

**Grace** **Dalvin Cramer, pastor**  
 July - Canoe outing  
 Aug. - Men's Golf outing with Calvary Baptist, Delaware  
 - Special meetings with Dr. Marvin Clark

# TALLMADGE

**First** **David Henry, pastor**  
 Aug. - VBS winners trip to Cleveland Zoo  
 - Senior Citizens lunch buffet/boat ride on river

# TOLEDO

**Bethel** **Rod Niner, pastor**  
 Aug. - Backyard Club Round-up  
 - Ken & Mary Starett, Ohio AWANA missionaries  
 Sept. - Baby Dedication

# Emmanuel

**Edward Fuller, pastor**  
 July - Sr. Hi Road Rally  
 - Jr. Hi Bike Hike  
 Aug. - Sunday School picnic  
 - Friend Sunday/Ray & Ann Gibbs, ministry in song  
 - Rev. & Mrs. Dale Marshfield, missionaries to S. Africa  
 - Ron Self, missionary to Argentina  
 Sept. - Musicales Day

# Grace

**Robert Perry, pastor**  
 Aug. - AWANA Workshops  
 Sept. - Began AWANA

# VAN WERT

**Faith** **Fred Jensen, pastor**  
 Aug. - Sunday School picnic

# WADSWORTH

**Fellowship** **Tim Wright, pastor**  
 July - Fern Cruse, BMM Campus BF missionary  
 - Bruce Miller, GFA to Quebec

# WARREN

**Bethel** **Robert DeBoer, pastor**  
 July - Rev. William Plough  
 - Rev. Philip Sweeney  
 - Family Picnic  
 Aug. - VBS

# Champion

**Thomas Hughes, pastor**  
 July - Mike Froschheiser, missionary to W. Germany  
 - Son Shine Puppet gang ministered at Mosquito Lake Park  
 Aug. - Sunday School picnic

# WELLINGTON

**First** **David Birch, pastor**  
 July - Pastor Tom-Townsend  
 - "Pie 'n Guy Night"  
 - Sunday School picnic  
 - VBS  
 - Sandy Wolford, BMM appt.

# WESTERVILLE

**Grace** **Murray Ingerham, pastor**  
 Aug. - Bob & Carol Aleshire, missionaries  
 - The Tobias, missionaries  
 Sept. - Ladies Kick-Off Banquet with Sallie McElwain, BMM

# WESTLAKE

**Grace** **Jack Jacobs, pastor**  
 July - Dr. Jack Jacobs  
 - 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for five couples  
 Aug. - Rev. DeElda Payton  
 - VBS

# WHEELERSBURG

**Wheelersburg** **Max McCullough, pastor**  
 Aug. - Bob Litteral  
 - Outdoor Service  
 Sept. - Missionary Conference

# WILLOUGHBY HILLS

**Nottingham** **Donald McClintick, pastor**  
 July - Forerunner Quartet, GRBC  
 Aug. - Sunday School picnic  
 - White Water Rafting  
 Sept. - Fall meetings with Evangelist Bill Compton

# WILLOWICK

**First** **Donald Leitch, pastor**  
 July - Patriotic Musicales  
 - Sunday School picnic  
 Aug. - Friendship Days 2 & 3  
 - Jr. Hi Trip to Cedar Point

# XENIA

**Calvary** **Wayne Hart, pastor**  
 July - Paul Mayo, Ohio Baptist Children's Home  
 - Deacons and Families cookout  
 Aug. - Evening VBS, "Climbing God's Way"  
 - Back-to-School Hikes  
 - Kent & Kelly Craig, missionary appt. to Philippines

# YOUNGSTOWN

**Boardman** **William Russell, pastor**  
 July - Dr. Jerry Bauw  
 Aug. - Church/Sunday School picnic  
 - Evangelist Jim Berse

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## Poems That Preach

By B. C. Jennings

### The Mountain Climber

He climbed the mountain  
By starting at the base.  
He looked at the top and  
Its rugged face,  
Then began to ascend with  
Youthful zest,  
Knowing that the climb would  
Require his best.

There often seemed some  
Insurmountable crag.  
He scaled it and felt he had  
A right to brag.  
Then looking above and  
Looking below.  
'Twas evident he still had a  
Long way to go.

He reached mid-mountain and  
He reached mid-life.  
The climb got harder, more

Rugged the strife.  
But the uppermost prize he  
Was determined to seize,  
And he took new courage, saying  
"Dear Lord, if you please."

He reached the top by  
Climbing with all might,  
With waning strength and  
Dimness of sight,  
And there rose another mountain  
In the distance ahead --  
"That's for another climber"  
The old man said.

What can you do after climbing  
Your mountain?  
There's no place to camp there --  
No youthful fountain.  
Just return from the mountain  
And take a good rest,  
And rejoice in the fact that  
You gave it your best.

### Highview Celebrates Chapmans 40th Anniversary



On August 10, 1986, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Chapman celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The church family of Highview Baptist presented them with a love gift and flowers during the morning service.

A surprise reception was held after the evening service, where a brief summary of their 40 happy years was read. Pictures of their wedding and their 4 children decorated the fellowship room along with Mrs. Chapman's wedding dress and Pastor's sailor suit. The congregation presented them with a card shower and a money tree.

It was a joy and blessing to be able to honor Pastor and Mrs. Chapman in this small way for all the blessings and service they give freely to each one of their flock day by day.

### Riley Creek, Bluffton in Parade



Riley Creek, Bluffton won a 3rd prize trophy in Bluffton's Sesquicentennial Parade. They passed out tracts and candy and had a real witness to over 10,000 people watching as they dressed old-fashioned, had a float done with all the antique furniture (pews, pulpit, etc.) and Dorothy Snare played hymns all the length of the parade route. Bluffton only has a population of 3,000 and 10,000 plus were in attendance. Even our little people enjoyed riding the float and passing out the gospel.

### ARRIBA! Challenge In Any Language

ARRIBA! (Spanish: onward, upward - Colloq.) is a beautifully descriptive acronym for Academic Residency for Research and Internship for Baptists Abroad. ARRIBA! is Baptist Mid-Missions' and Grand Rapids Baptist College's 11 month student missionary/academic internship under tough field conditions in Urubamba, Peru, high in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Rev. Robert Whatley is the Field Coordinator, Dr. Henry Osborn, the Academic Director, and Rev. Bob Collins, the General Administrator, of a spiritually and intellectually demanding work/study program for college and university students in highland Peru. Students, for less than the normal cost of a year in college, can earn 30 fully accredited hours -- and travel, learn Spanish and be fruitfully involved in front-

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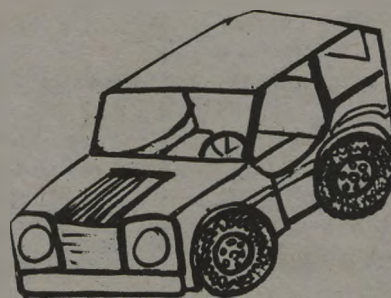
Mysterious Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, birthplace of the Inca, the savage edge of Brazil's rain forest, ancient Cuzco -- a total immersion in relevant studies, Latin and Indian culture, and disciplined missionary ministries -- makes ARRIBA! a richly rewarding experience for "outward bound" types of students.

Now in its fourth successful year, the program has a new headquarters base, a city block of property with dorms, classrooms and recreational areas in Urubamba. Bill Phillips, director of the Audio-Visuals Department of Baptist Mid-Missions is preparing a video cassette presentation entitled "ARRIBA! The Right Stuff for The Right Reason" to better promote a unique student internship in a missions context.

## THE BUTTON FAMILY FOR KIDS

by PATRICIA CONANT

### No Batteries



It was Bobby Button's birthday. Everyone was excited. Suzy could hardly believe her big brother was eight years old.

Suzy and Mommy and baby Anna sat behind the locked door in Suzy's bedroom.

Anna was peeking into the big box with wrapping paper and ribbons. She stuck a pink one on her forehead.

"Pitty," she said.

"It's pretty all right," Mommy said, "but I don't think Bobby would like a pink ribbon. Can you find a blue one?"

Mommy turned to Suzy.

"Can you get the big box in your closet?" she whispered.

Suzy nodded.

She pulled the box over to where Mommy was sitting.

"Let's take it out and be sure it works before we wrap it," Mommy said.

Mommy helped Suzy lift the big hill-climber jeep from its box.

"Bobby will sure love this," Suzy said. "I bet this is the last time I will get to touch it."

Mommy laughed. "Where is the switch to turn it on?" she asked.

"Oh, here it is!" Suzy turned it on, but nothing happened!

"Is it broken?" she asked.

"Let's check the batteries," Mommy said.

"Look. There aren't any batteries at all. It's empty. We'll have to get some before Bobby's jeep will work!"

There are lots of boys and girls who work very hard to be good, but they just can't.

Sometimes they just feel like they can't do anything right.

Boys and girls, you don't run on batteries, but some of you are as empty inside as Bobby's jeep.

If you let the Lord Jesus come into your life, He can help you and give you the power to do the things you should.

The Bible says:

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."  
(Philippians 4:13)

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In the Devotional-Hymnal, Trust and Obey will be the devotional for March 5th. It was on that date in 1850 that Dr. Daniel Brink Towner, the composer was born in Rome, Pennsylvania. Towner composed a number of other familiar hymns such as: At Calvary, My Anchor Holds, Saved By the Blood, Only A Sinner, Grace Greater Than All Our Sins, but we selected this one for his birthday because his life showed he lived it.

"I am not quite sure how, but I am going to trust and I am going to obey." These were the words of testimony from a young man in a Moody Evangelistic Team meeting in Brocton, Massachusetts, January 1886.

Dr. Daniel Brink Towner started with the team as songleader in Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 20, 1885 and as he heard the young man's testimony, he jotted down the words Trust and Obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. He sent the words with a little note to Rev. John H. Sammis. The Presbyterian minister wrote the verses as we sing them and returned the hymnpoem to Towner ready for a melody.

Dr. George Schuler, musician and composer, who for many years taught at the Moody Bible Institute, related the following incident to Dr. Alfred B. Smith. When Towner received the words for the stanzas, he took them home so that he might finish the song that night. He was not satisfied with the way the melody turned out and he threw the manuscript into the waste basket.

Dr. Smith thinks perhaps it was because the half note in the third phrase seemed to

## Serving Him thru Hymns

By DOUGLAS A. SNOW



call for more beats than two. He has had the problem with congregations as he has led them in singing this song through the years. So he usually just puts a hold over the note.

Whatever the reason, Towner took the manuscript, crushed it up and threw it away. The next day as Mrs. Towner was straightening and dusting Dr. Towner's study, she saw the crumpled paper in the waste basket and, out of curiosity, took it out and read the words of the first stanza which Dr. Towner had written on the paper and the proposed melody. As she sang it over, she felt compelled to place it on the organ.

When he came home and found it, he called his wife, "Dear, I thought I had thrown this away."

She replied: "I know you did, Daniel, but I feel that the melody you have written is just what is needed to carry the message!"

Towner took his wife's advice, with the result that the popularity of this hymn was immediate and has continued to this day, proving that Mrs. Towner was right.

As you look at the words of this hymn, try to visualize it as if it had been crumpled up and then straightened out.

work still more precious. He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes. The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason in His dealings with you.

He will take you at your word; and if you absolutely sell yourself to be His slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say and do many things that you cannot do or say. Settle it forever, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not deal with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.

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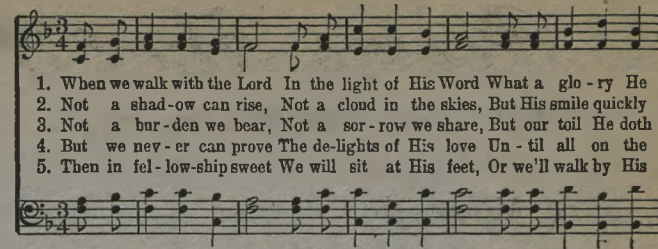
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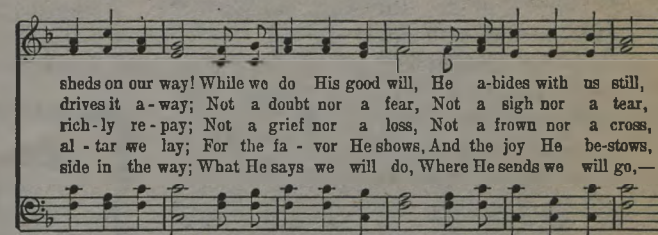
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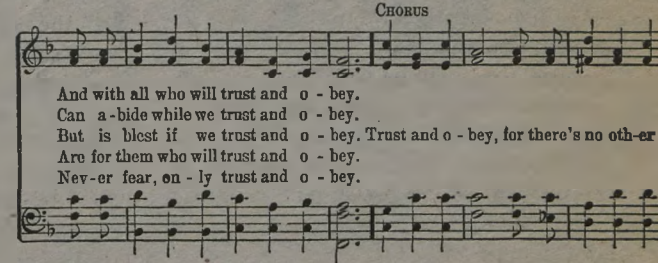
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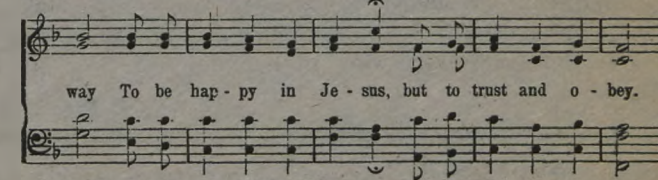
1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word What a glo-ry He  
2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly  
3. Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth  
4. But we nev-er can prove The de-lights of His love Un-til all on the  
5. Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a-bides with us still,  
drives it a-way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,  
rich-ly re-pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,  
al-tar we lay; For the fa-vor He shows, And the joy He be-stows,  
side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,—



And with all who will trust and o-bey.  
Can a-bide while we trust and o-bey.  
But is blest if we trust and o-bey. Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er  
Are for them who will trust and o-bey.  
Nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.



way To be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

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Unfortunately, many people sing this hymn and have no intention of doing what they are singing. Pay special attention to the when's, while's, but's, for's, are's, and's, then's, or's, what's, where's, who's and only's.

A crumpled up life can be straightened by heeding the instructions in this hymn. Colossians 3:16 gives us a biblical mandate for using psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to teach and admonish one another concerning our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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A total of 828 campers enjoyed a week of summer camp at beautiful Scioto Hills in southern Ohio. We praise God for a record number of campers this past summer. God blessed with 47 decisions for salvation, 37 decisions for dedication, 33 made certain of their salvation, and 5 decided to follow the Lord in baptism.

Thirty-nine enjoyed family week with Pastor James Lusher from Faith Baptist Church, Gallipolis. It was a profitable time for all.

### MEET SOME OF GOD'S SERVANTS



Tom and Ella McFaddin always wanted to help in camp work after retiring. Dutch and Dorothy Arnold also wanted to work for the Glory of God after retiring. After visiting Scioto Hills at a Senior Citizens Retreat, they saw how much they could use their gifts and talents for the Lord. Both Ellen and Dorothy love to bake and have been instrumental in baking pies for the camp. In just one week they prepared 85 pies which were used for retreats and other activities at the camp. For the past two years God has used these choice servants to pro-

vide the needs of the camp kitchen. Not only have they been involved in preparing the pies, but they have also seen God supply countless cans of apples and cherries, as well as much fresh fruit.

If you would like to serve the Lord with your gifts and talents, be sure to contact Gary Storm at the camp (614 778-2273).

## Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

Skyview Baptist Ranch was off to a good start in June and is finishing strong with a fine Family Retreat. The total registrations will not be ready until the next report, but has been a good summer, perhaps, even better than last year.

Camp, however, is not just for kids. What treasure we have in the well-established camp center at Skyview. The same values we assign to children await adults when they go to camp. An extended time is given to concentrated thought and study. A high spiritual tone is maintained. Might such a weekend strengthen your church?

The OARBC Ladies Fall Retreat is set for September 18-20. The cost is \$28 with a registration fee of \$5. Contact the Ranch immediately to see if openings are still available. Deb Searles is the speaker.

The Couples Retreat is October 3 and 4, during the antique festival in Millersburg. \$30 per couple.

Senior Saints day at the Ranch will be October 4, 14 and 28. Perhaps this should be called the Fall color tour. Only \$5 including a ranch-style meal, hayride, devotions and other selected Senior activities. It begins at 9:45 a.m. and going home by 3:00 p.m.

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## Don't Let Missions Die!

Don't Let Missions Die! I can just hear the comments now. How is it possible for missions to die? Why, missions is too much a part of the church for it to die.

One does not have to be an expert in the area of missions to realize that generally speaking, the enthusiasm, excitement, zeal and challenge for missions has definitely faded among the priorities of God's people.

Very noticeable is the response by young adults to the call of missions. There was a time when missions had a part in every service of the church in one way or another. Prayers for missions, missionary hymns, messages on missions, the public reading of missionary prayer letters, etc., are examples of how the church had a constant exposure to missions.

It was not uncommon for youth groups to talk missions and pray for missionaries by name and for their specific needs. There was a time when the decision to be a missionary was cause for rejoicing by the entire church family.

Your writer does not believe that missions will die. It will continue on as God's program to reach a lost human race with the Gospel of Christ. As to what degree it will continue on really depends upon the Lord's people. He has purposed to work through people to do His work and He has no other plan to do the job. He needs dedicated human instruments to carry out the ministry of the Great Commission. His work requires faithfulness, selflessness, commitment, surrender AND MORE on the part of His servants.

I remember during my Bible College days that practically half of the student body was seriously considering missions for their life's work. Now, if one tenth of the graduating class goes into missions, it is considered a good percentage.

## Wheelersburg Youth Return from New York



Ten young people from Wheelersburg Baptist Church have just returned from the Word of Life International Teens Involved week at Schroon Lake, New York.

There were eight youth in competition with other young people from the United States and Canada, while two other teens were "campers" for the week.

The Puppet Team won a 3rd place among 12 teams in that category. Members of the puppet team are: Becky Ford, Shelly McCullough, Jeff Osborne, Stephanie McClintic, Chris Ruby, Wade Miller and Todd Duncan.

Those camping for the week are Jennifer Dalton and Scott Perdas.

## Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania

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High-school-age students are invited to visit Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania during College Days which have been scheduled for the 1986-87 school year. The dates are: October 23-24; November 6-7; March 5-6; and April 9-10. These are special days where activities have been designed to acquaint the student with college life.

## Lenny Seidel To Perform At Baptist Bible College

Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary of Pennsylvania will begin its Artist Series season on September 19. For this first engagement we are pleased to have Mr. Lenny Seidel, pianist, perform.

Mr. Seidel has been studying and playing piano since he was six years old. He graduated from Bob Jones University with majors in both theology and music. Mr. Seidel served as an associate pastor in the areas of music and administration in Indiana, Connecticut, and California. In 1975, Mr. Seidel founded the Grace Unlimited Ministries to encourage and support church music ministries.

What has happened to reduce the number of people responding to missions? Surely, the Spirit of God is still calling men and women to that great work. Can it be a combination of things such as failure to promote missions as a top priority in the church as well as excluding it in our homes where at one time it was a part of family devotions and the subject of conversation?

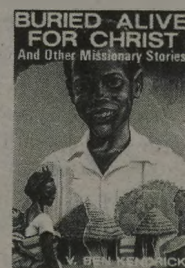
These are simply some thoughts that I wanted to share with you. I must confess that I am concerned and at times a bit perplexed when I see so little interest in what is really the heartbeat of our Saviour. I pray that in these rapidly changing times that we will be determined to keep missions before us as top priority. May each of us rededicate ourselves to this blessed task. KEEP MISSIONS ALIVE. DON'T LET IT DIE!!



Stephen Miller captured the first place trophy in the Novelty Instrumental division. He played a harmonica medley using different pitched harmonicas.

In order to qualify for the international competition, these young people have to first qualify in an area and regional competition earlier in the year.

Those persons helping in this event were Dennis Burns, former youth pastor at WBC, Jana Burns, Gale and Diane Dalton, Hank and Peggy Perdas, Joyce Miller, Cheryl Miller and Susan Miller.



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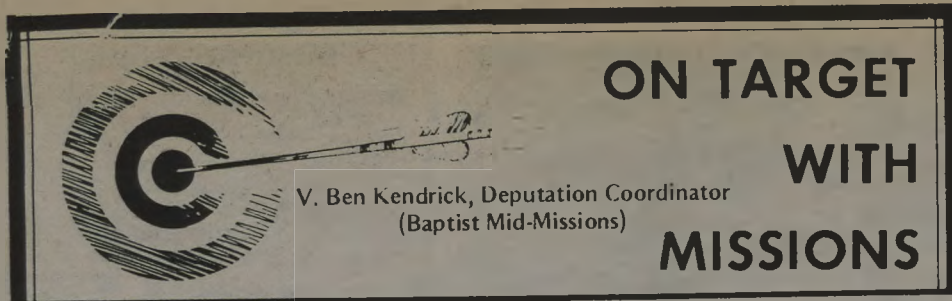
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In a recent radio interview in Michigan the station manager, who was a Christian, asked me the following question: "Is it true that there doesn't seem to be the same desire among young people toward missions as there was in past years?"

This is a good question and certainly a very practical one in view of the times in which we live. With a large radio audience listening to me, I realized that I had a wonderful opportunity to speak out for the cause of missions.

Not knowing the statistics for other mission agencies, I could only speak of what was taking place in Baptist Mid-Missions. This year of 1986 has been a record year for missionary candidates in the history of the Mission. The radio announcer voiced his heartfelt thanks for the fact that men and women are still responding to the call of God on their lives for missions.

Yes, reader friend, within our independent, fundamental Baptist circles missions is alive and flourishing. In fact, I personally believe there is a trend in Bible colleges, institutes, seminaries, etc., to place a greater emphasis on missions and bring it back into a place of prominence which, of course, is its biblical and proper position.

Not only has Baptist Mid-Missions experienced a record candidate class in 1986, but it will also probably see a record number of appointees cleared for their fields of service this year. The timing is perfect for this large number of clearances because of a record number of new appointees beginning their deputation ministry. I think it would be well to point out that there has been a continual decrease in the time spent in deputation for the past seven years. It has dropped from an average of 24.3 months in 1979 to 18.9 months in 1985. This reduction actually reduces the amount of missions funds spent in deputation and increases the amount of funds used by those missionaries in their on-the-field ministries. I do not have the figures of such funds for Baptist Mid-Missions, but it is safe to say that they amount into hundreds of thousands of dollars. This is why it is so important that our deputation staff personnel in particular do all that we possibly can to help appointees in their ministries and thus shorten their time spent in deputation.

Another item for praise regarding the good things that are happening for appointees in deputation is that which is presently happening to our 1985 appointee family. This particular group of appointees, if they continue at their present pace in acquiring their support funds, will be released for their fields of service in 14 months time. Such an accomplishment would be unparalleled in the history of Baptist Mid-Mission.

In spite of what we hear generally about our young adults here in the United States, there is that group of born again, dedicated people who are open to the will of God for their lives, with many of them being directed by the Holy Spirit into the ministry of worldwide missions.

Please continue to pray for Evangelical Baptist Missions and its rebuilding efforts at the home office level. Many of God's people, including sister mission agencies, have come to their assistance at this critical time of their existence. Rev. David Marshall, general director of the mission, would greatly appreciate not only your prayers and letters but also any financial help that you can be to them. The fire which completely destroyed their home office along with a great percentage of their information data has been a devastating blow. It is good to know that our God is in control and even though we don't understand why such things happen, we can say with our beloved Dr. Robert Ketcham that "God is too wise to make mistakes and too kind to be unjust."

You may direct any correspondence to Rev. David Marshall at the following address: Evangelical Baptist Missions, Box 2225, Kokomo, IN 46901.

The Association of Baptist for World Evangelism is beginning a new ministry of helps primarily to its single women missionaries. This ministry will be directed by Miss Mary Lou Brownell, Executive Coordinator of Single Ministries, who recently returned from the field of Bangladesh where she has spent 28 years of faithful service for the Lord. Miss Brownell has a rich background of experience in missions. She worked at the hospital at Malumghat as a registered nurse, was used of the Lord to reach missionary children, and also established the vital ministry of Heart House, which salvaged and reconstructed the lives of widowed women, many of them war widows. I know that Miss Brownell would also appreciate your prayers as she embarks on this very important endeavor as one of the latest additions in the administration of A.B.W.E.

I have said many times in speaking to people as well as in my writings that missions is exciting. From the time that the Holy Spirit called out Barnabas and Saul from the Antioch church to the present day, thousands of men and women have likewise responded to the call of God on their lives in reaching out to the spiritual needs of others throughout the world. Dr. Arthur G. Fetzer, former vice-president and secretary of Baptist Mid-Missions, said it well when he stated, "Missions in its every aspect and outreach is the lifeblood and heartthrob of the church."

I believe the daylight hours are far spent and night is at hand for those without the Saviour. May God help us, each one, to recommit ourselves to the blessed task of worldwide missions. May He help us to lift up our eyes and look out upon the fields which are whitened and ready for the harvest. I pray that not one of us reading this column will be guilty of not responding to God's command and doing what we can for the great cause of missions.

## More On Missions

I suppose if I were to put a title on this particular article, I would call it: G.A.R.B.C. ON TARGET IN HOME MISSIONS PROJECT.

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches' National Conference this past June in Grand Rapids, Michigan, had many highlights to it. The preaching, music, reports, youth days, Talents for Christ, seminars, displays, etc., plus the wonderful fellowship were reasons to be there and for which to praise the Lord. The entire program gave every indication that it was well organized.

Perhaps the greatest blessing and challenge to this writer, however, is the fact that a general recognition is taking place by the Association that it is imperative that there be an upward swing in the number of churches joining the fellowship.

To show the importance of this pressing need, the Council of Eighteen asked Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of the G.A.R.B.C., to even pare his schedule, if necessary, in order to focus on the problem.

I voice a hardy "AMEN" to this move by the Association leaders. To me, it is a gigantic step toward the support and cause of missions and particularly for those G.A.R.B.C. approved agencies that are involved in what is generally referred to as "home missions."

The message stemming from the action of the Council of Eighteen as well as from Dr. Tassell's report to the conference attendees should be sounded loud and clear in every Association church. Not only does the problem need to be addressed immediately, but it is vital that it has the total backing of the entire G.A.R.B.C. fellowship.

Let's take a look at the consequences if nothing is done. I can only go by the records of BAPTISTS MID-MISSIONS. At present the G.A.R.B.C. provides about 42 percent of the support funds coming to the Mission. This could easily go over 50 percent when one considers the individual donors from Regular Baptist Churches.

Naturally, a reduction in funds from the G.A.R.B.C. would have a chain reaction which eventually would bring a drastic, negative effect on missions worldwide. I believe this statement would be supported by the other approved agencies as well.

**NOW THE THING THAT MAGNIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS EVEN MORE IS THAT THERE ARE JUST NOT THAT MANY FUNDAMENTAL INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.** Mission agencies such as the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Baptist Mission of North America, Continental Baptist Missions and Evangelical Baptist Missions are unique. They are unique in their independence, their governmental structure, their separatist position in both ecclesiastical and personal separation and, of course, their Baptist Distinctives position.

God in His wisdom has brought these mission agencies into existence. He has also blessed the development of a close-working relationship between them and the G.A.R.B.C. Please note that it is a working relationship between the two. They are not organically connected in any way. I don't know of another relationship like this anywhere in the world. Yes, it is a unique and blessed fellowship between the two groups -- independent Baptist missions agencies and the G.A.R.B.C.

I appeal to the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and to the state fellowship churches to commit themselves even more to the task of supporting home missions within the approved agencies. In doing so, they will not only establish a much broader and stronger base at home but will allow the great work of missions to be carried out "unto the uttermost part of the earth" as God has commanded all of us to do.

I pray that these thoughts on the importance of home missions will generate interest in supporting the home base. Not only should the churches do it but they must do it or in time, there won't be any foreign missions to support at all.

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## Over 50,000 Pennies Praise the Lord!

... GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER" (II Cor. 9:7) Fevered excitement mounted each night of a late summer VBS at Grace Baptist Church, Toledo. A goal of 50,000 pennies had been set as the 1986 VBS Project, to help underwrite the printing costs of Bibles for the Sara-Kaba Tribe in Chad, Africa.

Missionaries Dale and Ethel Baker and daughters Lisa and Bonnie (students at Practical Bible Training School, Johnson City, N.Y.) presented missions with an exciting aggression and enthusiasm. Several decisions were made for Christ during the six night VBS. An African atmosphere was created as the front of the church was banked with curios, collected by the Bakers during their 27 years of missions ministry in Africa - Central African Republic and the Chad. Lord willing, Dale and Ethel will return to Africa in two years. Presently, Dale is the East Coast Representative for Bibles International (BMM).

Each night of VBS rolls and rolls of pennies were cheerfully given as boys vied against the girls. On Thursday evening a special penny war raged between the boys and girls, and the staff. One small boy brought his pennies in a red wagon. When his load was counted, his little wagon had hauled in over 8,000 pennies alone. The offering of the boys and girls exceeded the offering of the staff in excess of 1,000 pennies for that particular evening. What a surprised staff!

Friday night was an exciting climax to the penny war. At the close of the evening the entire School heard the grand announcement, "GOAL MET."

Over 50,000 pennies had been cheerfully given for Chadian Bibles. What a marvelous sight - rows and rows of packaged pennies for the express purpose of purchasing Bibles.

The Sara-Kaba Tribe is a remote and backward tribe. They have been ill-treated and are looked upon as an inferior tribe. In fact, they have been a slave tribe to the other tribes. The Bible printing house that prints Bibles is subsidizing the printing costs, thus, reducing the cost per Bible to \$1.00.

What a thrill it was for our Grace Baptist Church family to give cheerfully to assist a Tribe, handicapped by its own society, to obtain over 500 Bibles in their own dialect.

### Paul Tassell at Louisville

Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of the G.A.R.B.C., held meetings at First Baptist, Louisville, from August 3 through 6. Pastor Pugh comments that "First Baptist was challenged and edified by Dr. Tassell's clear explanation and interpretation of the Ten Commandments."

On Monday evening, the church surprised Dr. and Mrs. Tassell with a party, celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. Gag gifts were the order of the day.

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Pastor K. Spink, Deacons H. Valentine, J. Stephens, D. Hoecke.

Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, recently celebrated the final payment of their 20-year church mortgage. Speaker of the day was Dr. William Brock, Representative for the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. The mortgage burning ceremony was held during the evening service followed by a buffet supper in the fellowship hall.

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Everyone I talked to — friends, people at my high school, and others I respect — told me Cedarville was

of the highest academic quality. Now that I am at the College, I've found that's so true! Classes are small. Faculty are within reach. And the Word influences the content of each class.

My professors care about me. To them, I'm not a number. I'm an individual. They don't just lecture, they interact — by word, by example — like friends. They challenge me to grow, to think. Sure, they're demanding when it comes to classwork. But they make certain my spiritual life is challenged as well.

The whole atmosphere at Cedarville says to me, 'Tina, along with a

solid education you need a solid relationship with God.' I hear it not only in my classes, but also in chapel every day. I even hear it in my Christian service. It leads to serious talks with my friends where we wrestle with various topics and spiritual issues and sharpen one another. Like Proverbs says, 'Iron sharpeneth iron....'

Balance. That's what makes Cedarville so special. Sure, New York City has great opportunities. I love it. But Cedarville is giving me the greatest opportunity: to stretch my heart as well as my mind."

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